GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA

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CREATION OF NEW MEDIA COUNCIL
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether with the phenomenal growth of electronic media and internet there is an urgent need for new Media Council in place of Press Council of India:

(b) if so, whether Government are actively considering the proposal of replacing the present Press Council of India by a new body with the representative from every segment;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether any meeting has been held in this regard and if so, the details of strategy finalised; and

(e) the time by which this new body is likely to be constituted?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SMT. SUSHMA SWARAJ)

(a) to (e): Chairman, Press Council of India, has in November 2000, suggested setting up of aMedia Council to cover both Print and Electronic Media. No decision on the said proposal has been taken by the Government as yet.